

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program



What is RSVP?

RSVP stands for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. It is a group of people 55 years and older who volunteer in their community to make a difference. RSVP volunteers are lending a hand all over the country; with more than 2 million members, it is one of the largest national volunteer programs.

What do RSVP Volunteers do?

Volunteers work at over 60 stations throughout Boston doing everything from tutoring children in reading, serving lunch to seniors, building ship models, helping out at homeless shelters, giving information about museums, serving in hospitals, and helping people get to know Boston.

What are the benefits of RSVP?

RSVP Volunteers are eligible for some out-of-pocket expenses while volunteering, such as travel costs and meals, subject to station regulations. All RSVP volunteers receive free supplemental accident insurance while volunteering and an invitation to an annual recognition event. All RSVP volunteers receive the training they need to make a difference.

How is RSVP funded?

RSVP is nationally sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Other CNCS programs include Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents. Locally, RSVP is sponsored by the City of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly.

Who can I contact?

For more information, or an application, call Fran Johnnene, RSVP Director, at (617) 635-3988.